



# NOW NEWS

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## President's message

When it comes time for me to plan my vacation each year, I always try to include at least one big numismatic convention. I either go to the A.N.A. or Central States shows, or both, depending on where they are located. Due to taking inventory at work every year in June, I never had an opportunity to go to the International Paper Money Show until this year.

My wife Neva and I spent eight days and seven nights on a trip that took us through seven states, of which six days were spent in Tennessee. Three days were spent at Nashville taking in Opryland and The Hermitage, where President Andrew Jackson lived. There was so much to do and see there, we just



didn't have enough time to see it all.

We arrived at Memphis a day early for the show, so we took in "Mud Island", where we spent a full day taking in everything including the museum. It was well worth the \$5.00 admission fee.

Friday, June 17th, was the first day of the three day show. There were 135



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

dealers with nothing but paper items, whether it was banknotes, checks, stock certificates, or souvenir cards. Everyone could find something that would interest him.

I was lucky enough to be included among 28 people that toured the Memphis branch of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank. I saw how notes are counted by machine and packed into straps, and how old notes are destroyed. I also saw vaults filled with food coupons and how the checks are handled.

My wife toured the city with Gail Earle from Delevan, Wis. We met Dennis and Gail Earle at the A.N.A. Convention in Boston in 1973 and have been friends ever since.

Saturday was meeting day. The first meeting I attended was the Souvenir Card Collectors Society, of which I have been a member since it was founded in 1981. The collecting of souvenir cards is growing more popular every year.

I only attended two meetings, of the many that were held. My second meeting was the general membership meeting for The Society of Paper Money Collectors. Les Winners gave an excellent slide program on different ways to

collect paper money, using notes from his collection.

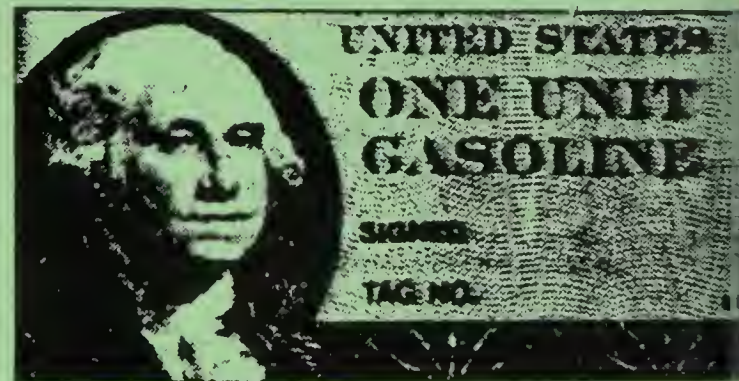
I enjoyed my first visit to an all paper money show and will be planning on attending another, hopefully in the near future.

I hope to see and meet many of you at the fall shows.

Sincerely,

*Harold Helm*

Harold Helm



## GASOLINE RATION STAMPS

Paper collectable fans would love to put their hands on the millions of gas ration coupons mouldering in army warehouses in Pueblo, Colo.. The stamps were printed up in 1974 during the OPEC oil embargo and have been gathering dust ever since. It is estimated it costs \$70,000 a year to house the stamps, and \$250,000 to eventually dispose of them. If offered to collectors, the warehouse would be empty in no time!

### NEW MEETING SITE

Until further notice, the Nicolet Coin Club of Green Bay will meet at the Downtowner Motel, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

### MNS SETS SHOW DATES

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society has set their fall show dates for 1984 thru 1986.

1984 - Sept. 28-29-30

1985 - Sept. 27-28-29

1986 - Oct. 3-4-5

RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME FOR LOCAL CLUBS TO START PLANNING 1985 SHOWS!

### MADISON'S

#### "PEOPLES CHOICE" AWARDS

V. Jackson--Grandpa's Gold

D. Miyagawa--World Coins

P. Calkins--Odd & Curious

Thirteen club members exhibited, each limited to one case. All received votes. Two juniors placed 4th and 6th in voting, 375 total votes from 600+ attendance as public required to select their choice to be eligible for door prizes. No tickets sold.

Thanx to the Oconomowoc Coin Club for canceling plans for a spring show, this helps alleviate the congestion on the show calendar.

Harry Collins

### MADISON SETS 1984 DATE

The 1984 annual Madison Coin Club show will be held on May 6th at the Sheraton Inn, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison. Information is available from the General Chairman, Tom Braunger, 611 5th Street, Waunakee, WI 53597

### RACINE SETS 1984 DATE

The Racine Numismatic Society 1984 show will be March 10 and 11, at the New Sheraton Motor Inn.

Chairman: John Barke, P.O. Box 1222, Racine, WI 53405.

**PLAN AHEAD!**  
**LOCAL SHOW CO-ORDINATOR**  
**HARRY COLLINS**

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# Show Schedule

## 1983 FALL SHOWS

August 21 BARABOO

Elks Club House  
Ed Lange  
1015 East St.  
Baraboo 53913

Sept. 11 LA CROSSE

Holiday Inn  
V. Payton  
2804 S. 27th St.  
LaCrosse 54601

Sept. 25 FOND DU LAC

American Legion Hall  
FDLCC P.O. Box 952  
Fond du Lac 54935

Oct. 2 OCONOMOWOC

Community Center  
Cooney Numismatists  
P.O. Box 624  
Oconomowoc 53066

Oct. 7-8-9 MILWAUKEE

MECCA  
Del Bertschy  
3939 N. Murray Ave.  
Milwaukee 53211

Oct. 16 GREEN BAY

Downtowner Motel  
Bill Koponen  
P.O. Box 152  
Green Bay 54305

Oct. 23 APPLETON

Country Aire  
FVCC 229 E. College  
Appleton 54911

## AND NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!

One of the most difficult tasks for NOW is to co-ordinate the scheduling of coin shows in Wisconsin. Local coin show co-ordinator Harry Collins has encouraged all local clubs to set show dates early, and as you can see, the local clubs have responded! With the trend for earlier spring shows, some excellent May dates are still available.

## 1984 SHOW PREVIEW

Feb. 3-4-5 MILWAUKEE

MECCA Expo Center  
South Shore Coin Club  
5494 W. Fairy Chsm.  
Brown Deer 53223

Feb. 12 MANITOWOC

Club Bil-Mar  
Clipper City Coin Club  
352 N. Jackson St.  
Valders 54245

Feb. 26 OSHKOSH

Holiday Inn - Hwy. 41  
Numis. Research Society  
P.O. Box 254  
Oshkosh 54902

March 10-11 RACINE

New Sheraton Inn  
Racine Numis. Society  
J. Barke P.O. Box 1222  
Racine 53405

March 11 APPLETON

Country Aire  
Fox Valley Coin Club  
229 E. College Ave.  
Appleton 54911

March 25 SHEBOYGAN

North Bowl Lanes  
Sheboygan Coin Club  
P.O. Box 907  
Sheboygan 53081

April 1 KENOSHA

Holiday Inn  
Kenosha Coin Club  
808 74th St.  
Kenosha 53140

April 8 WAUKESHA

County Youth Bldg.  
Waukesha Coin Club  
P.O. Box 321  
Brookfield 53005

April 8 WAUSAU

Howard Johnson Inn  
Wisconsin Valley Coin Club  
P.O. Box 6  
Schofield 54476

April 14-15 GREEN BAY

NOW STATE CONVENTION  
Hosts - Nicolet Coin Club  
Brown County Arena  
Tom Fruit Rt. #4  
Green Bay 54303

April 22 EASTER

April 26-29 MILWAUKEE

Central States Numis. Soc.  
MECCA Expo Center  
CSNS - P.O. Box 65336  
W. Des Moines, IA 50265

May 6 MADISON

Sheraton Inn  
Madison Coin Club  
Tom Braunger 611 5th St.  
Waunakee WI 53597

May 20 TOMAH

Holiday Inn  
Tomah Coin Club  
303 Superior Ave.  
Tomah 54660

May 27 EAU CLAIRE

Holiday Inn  
Chippewa Valley Coin Club  
P.O. Box 15  
Downsville 54735

Sept. 23 FOND DU LAC

American Legion Hall  
Fond du Lac Coin Club  
P.O. Box 952  
Fond du Lac 54935

Sept. 28-29-30 MILWAUKEE

MECCA Expo Center  
Milw. Numis. Society  
D. Bertschy 3939 N. Murray  
Milwaukee 53211

Oct. 7 OCONOMOWOC

Community Center  
Coonie Numismatists  
P.O. Box 624  
Oconomowoc 53066





## IN FOCUS

Veteran Green Bay numismatists all,  
L to R - Milt Detert, Bill Barkem, and  
Paul Kappel. (Green Bay Show)



Standard Wausau regis-  
tration table, hand-  
outs, tickets to sell,  
wood nickels and Helen  
and Willie Schenk. This  
team of charter members  
has served the hobby,  
and Wausau club for a  
full twenty seven years!  
(Wausau show)







WNWA writer Craig Rabel, was behind a table at the Wausau show. Crowds were good for the 30 table bourse.



Altho a severe decline in the number of exhibits was very apparent in the 1983 spring shows, the pride of ownership and creative ability are there as Harriet and Frank Rucinski of Wisconsin Rapids strike a pose at the Wausau show.







Out on the highway where the traffic was - a dandy advertisement and much better than the usual cardboard & arrows type! Sheboygan show

Sheboygan registration table was "ready for the rush". L to R Esther Beniger, Amanda Olshanski.



Altho a nasty detour on the direct route to North Bowl Lanes made finding the show site tough, collectors will find the action! (Sheboygan show).





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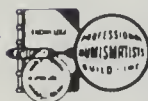
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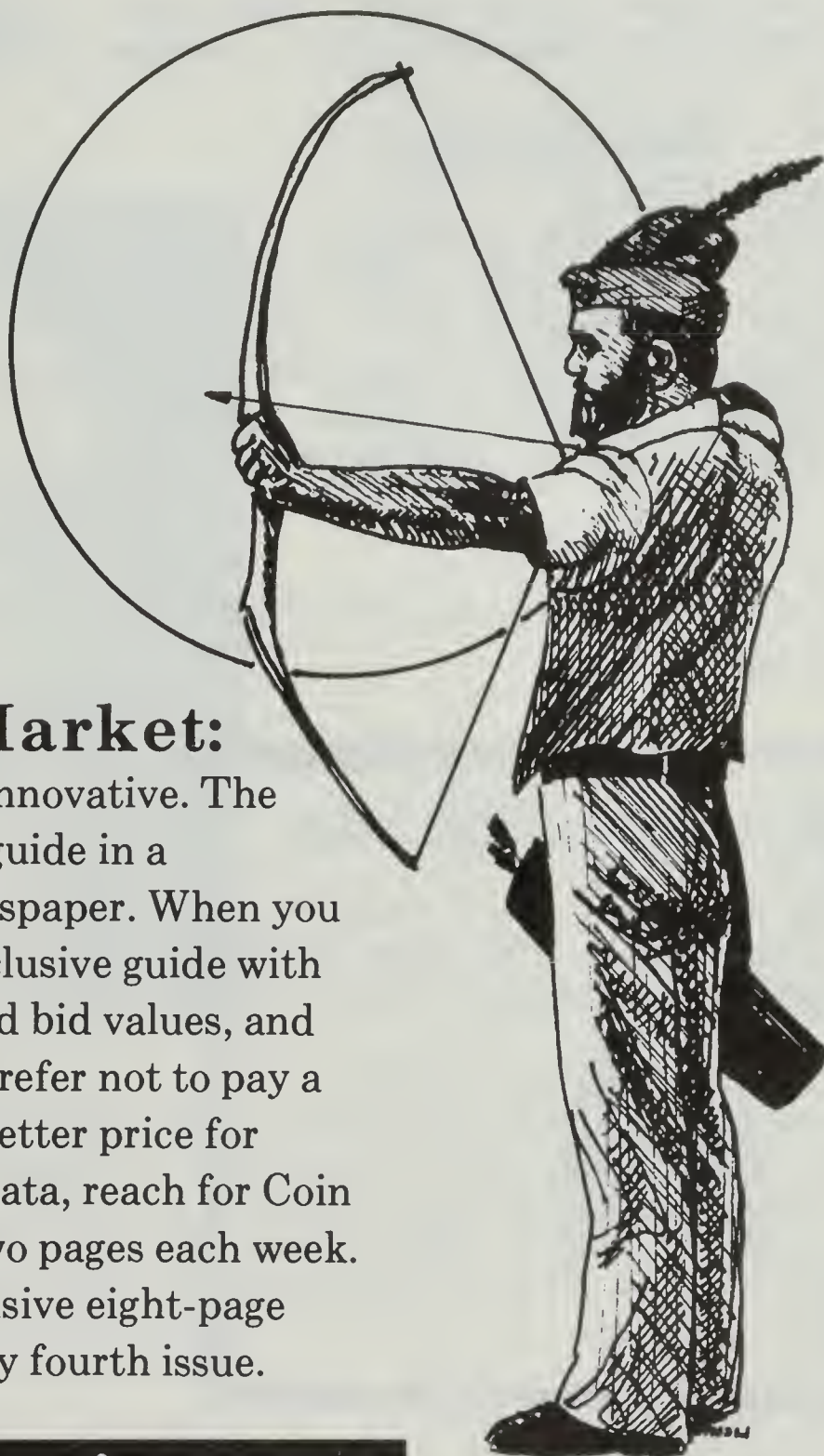
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AT THE MEETING

Has your local coin club meeting become a bit of a drag? Here's how the Racine club keeps things lively on meeting night.

Show and tell

## Exhibitors:

Dick Roskres - Things I can't sell

C.L. Dickerson - Heraldic colors

Greg Gaitens - Not a proof dime

Fred Dickfoss - English commemorative coins

George Conrad - Greek notes

John Wilson - Depression script and misc.

Program

George Conrad gave an informative talk on currency. That was a meeting!

JAMES STAHURA (NOW# 1101)

NOW members were saddened by the death on June 8th of Hammond, Indiana dealer, Jim Stahura.

Stahura was a fixture at NOW shows the last 10 years, dealing largely in error coins. He was well liked and respected by all who knew and dealt with him. Jim was 39 years of age.

Can you help us find these "lost" members?

Jim Scardino #1745  
2207 S. Ridgeland Ave.  
Berwyn, IL 60402

Rex Peterson #1725  
9635 Lyndale Ave S.  
Bloomington, MN 55420

Ray Bowers #1726  
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## the JEFFCOAT Report!

P.O. Box 25  
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With almost every numismatic newsletter on the market promising to make you rich, its kind of refreshing to read the up front rambblings of numismatic veteran Arnold Jeffcoat. Like many other Wisconsin collectors who knew Arnold from his stint with Krause Publications your editor has read and enjoyed what Jeffcoat describes as "meat", not baloney.

The Jeffcoat newsletter, born in January of 1983, does not resemble the other numismatic letters, as they are called, since Jeffcoat does not deal in coins.

To the many Wisconsin coin collectors who do not invest, the Jeffcoat Report is a real eye opener. In his "Lets talk turkey about rare coins, precious metals, and your investment" in a recent issue, Jeffcoat gives an insight into "promoting", the artificial manipulation of coin prices.

In a hobby filled with hustles, con games, and outright fraud, the Jeffcoat Report makes good reading.



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That nearly every club has active members who do not belong to the state coin club. Join now!



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## JEFFERSON FULL STEP NICKEL CLUB

FULL STEP JEFFERSON NICKEL  
ANALYSIS & PRICING  
GUIDE

P.O. Box 1205, Montclair, N.J. 07042

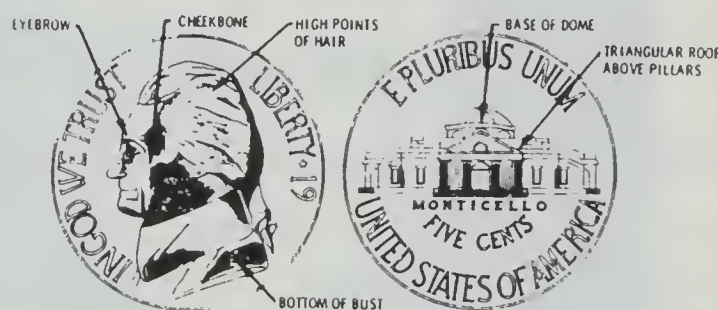
With the price of uncirculated coins doubling with each mint state escalation it seems logical that microscopic examination is a must for any purist who is building an uncirculated set of any series.

Adolph Weiss, one of the 1983 South Shore/NOW seminar headliners, has zeroed in on a current series, the popular Jefferson series. In the words of Mr. Weiss, "Our experience has shown that the grading of full step nickels still presents prob-

lems for the numismatic fraternity; beginners, experts, buyers and sellers alike".

The Weiss system starts with the uncirculated coin, using the ANA categories of MS 70, 67, 65, 63, and 60. His illustrated grade guide lists and defines the high points on both the obverse and reverse to assure the uncirculated start point.

FIGURE A  
CHECK POINTS FOR SIGNS OF  
WEAR (RUBBING) TO DETERMINE  
IF SPECIMEN IS UNCIRCULATED



A second quality definition is then added, "strike quality". This describes any improper striking pressure, worn or weak dies, or planchet defects. Three categories are used, full, medium, and weak strike quality.

The final criteria, the steps on Monticello have been micro examined and the number unbroken and complete give the degree of perfection of the coin.

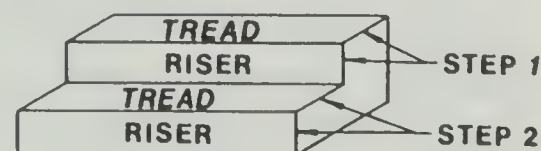


FIGURE D

When viewed head on, as are the steps leading up to Monticello on the reverse of a Jefferson nickel, they appear as shown in Figure E.



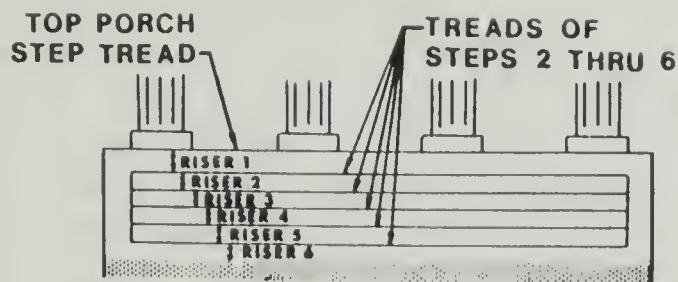


FIGURE E

The incuse (or stamped in) lines represent the treads of step numbers 2 through 6 while the raised sections between the incuse lines represent the risers.

Thus a "step" consists of the top line (the tread) and the expanse between that tread and the one below (the riser).

The Step Count is performed by mentally dividing the step area into four quarters as shown in example No. 1.

1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
1st QUARTER count = 6	2nd QUARTER count = 6	3rd QUARTER count = 6	4th QUARTER count = 6
$6+6+6+6=24 \div 4 = .06$ STEP COUNT <u>EXAMPLE No.1</u>			

The research of Adolph Weiss on the Jefferson five cent piece includes a year by year breakdown of rarity of "full step" strikes by year and mint mark, truly a labor of love! Interested? Write Adolph at P.O. Box 1205, Montclair, N.J. 07042

**SOLID GOLD** — Refers to the fineness and solidity of gold. Solid gold is any article that is 10K or finer *and* does not have a hollow center. This definition was adopted by the Federal Trade Commission in 1967.

## SHEBOYGAN CLUB

### VIDEO PROGRAMS

The Sheboygan Coin Club has developed audio visual tapes as an educational device for public and "in club" use. At present, three tapes have been produced by Jerry Olshanski who designed and developed the programs. The three now in use are: Grading, Civil War tokens, and Colonial coins. A super idea thats sure to catch on in Wisconsin clubs!



Past President Denis Strode poses with the Sheboygan audio visual program on grading.



### THE OUTSIDE VIEW

By Gene Johnson - WNWA

On a recent visit to a central Wisconsin antique shop, I was privileged to buy a Wisconsin Civil War token from Baraboo, a common token issued by the firm of Peck & Orvis. What made the purchase unusual was a newspaper clipping attached to the sale, a yellowed clipping dated May 20th, 1959, from the Baraboo Republic. Since information on Wisconsin Civil War merchants is hard to come by, will use the clipping in its entirety:

"Souvenir coin is 100 years or more old"

Thanks to Mrs. Lawrence Faulkner, we can tell you all about "Peck and Orvis" and that souvenir coin which they must have gotten out in Baraboo more than a hundred years ago. In going through a penny collection, the Alex Heins ran across the coin

bearing the name of Peck and Orvis, druggists and grocers, Baraboo, Wis. Nobody could recall the firm being in business here, but Mrs. Faulkner went to her old history of Sauk county and there she has dug out the story.

It seems that Rufus A. Orvis was born in 1827 and came to Baraboo in April of 1857 to engage in the hardware business with his uncle, Ransome Jones. Then for six years he engaged in the drug and grocery business here with H.A. Peck, the old history relates. Later he was associated with Messers Lang and Camp so he must have been a merchant here for quite a spell. In 1870 he sold out his Baraboo business and went to South Bend, Indiana, "with a view of forming a more important business connection". Concluding the story of Mr. Orvis, the old history of Sauk county relates that he was drowned in South Bend in 1870.

According to the history his wife was Caroline A. Casler, whom he married in 1854. After his death and in 1876, Mrs. Orvis remarried becoming Mrs. Henry D. Evans of Baraboo.

We want to thank all of the people who have helped us unravel the mystery of Mr. Hein's coin, including Bob Wolkowski who supplies the additional information that Rufus Orvis was a mem-



ber of the Baraboo Lodge No. 34, F. and A.M.

Little did the 1959 newspaper writer realize that over 25 million of these tokens were issued, and that over eight thousand different merchants used the emergency media of exchange. Overall, an interesting view of Civil War tokens from outside the collecting hobby.

### PATRIOTIC CIVIL WAR TOKENS

Numerous inspirational slogans graced several hundred types of patriotic tokens issued as currency substitutes during the American Civil War, but few called attention to peace. This one that did combines the slogan "Peace Forever" with the traditional clasped hands of friendship. Similar in size to the copper-nickel small cents introduced in 1857 to supplant the copper large cents, the copper and bronze patriotic tokens began appearing late in 1862. The resulting abuses which accompanied their use--purchased for about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent each, the tokens provided great relief to merchants who found use for them as cent substitutes, as cents were being hoarded, but they often were not honored with an eagerness akin to that with which they were extended--led Congress to enact a law in 1864 forbidding the issue of currency by individuals.

Racine Newsletter

### FOX VALLEY COIN HELPS

#### TRAP BANK ROBBER

Knowing coins and banking procedures enabled personnel at the Fox Valley Coin Exchange to lead police to De Pere bank robber R.J. Cartier. Coin store employees became suspicious when Cartier used \$1,800 in rolled coins to purchase gold krugerrands at the Kimberly coin store. The rolled coins, which Cartier said he had gone thru looking for scarce dates, had the original federal reserve crimp on the roll ends. When Cartier returned a second time, employees were able to report his licence number to the Brown County Sheriff, and in a subsequent shootout, the bank robber was killed, and the stolen money recovered. Two Brown County officers were wounded in the shootout. Cartier was wanted for the murder of bank teller Robert De Broux during the robbery.

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### ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS

Collectors of both stamps and coins regard this series as one of the most interesting Civil War money. Brass cent size casings with mica faces covering a stamp - now thats emergency money!



The Chippewa Valley Coin Club regrets to inform you of the death, on May 21, 1983, of one of our members, Russell Curtis, of Chetek. He was an active member of our club for many years, also a member of the Barron Co. Coin Club, owned the Eau Claire Coin Co. and was a life member of NOW, and also a member of MOON.

Opal Balda, Sec.  
CVCC

Would you please publicize our annual banquet slated for November 5th, 1983, at the Riverside Supper Club in Merrill. In addition to the exceptional food, we have arranged for an outstanding program. Our speaker will be Professor Karkar of the University of Wisconsin, Marathon Campus, who will discuss, "Gold, and all its aspects". All NOW members are invited to attend. For information, write WVCC, P.O. Box 6, Schofield, 54476.

Thad Streeter, Pres.  
Wis. Valley Coin Club  
Wausau, WI

## MEET MIKE TRAMTE

New NOW secretary Mike Tramte is well known in the Milwaukee area as well as Green Bay where he now resides.. Mike served in most of the elective offices for the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, as well as active participation in MNS annual show duties, Central States/Milwaukee, and NOW conventions. Now active in the Nicolett Coin Club, Mike is a real joiner, belonging to ANA,, ANS, CSNS, TAMS, Society of Paper Money Collectors, Civil War Token Society as well as MNS, Nicolet, and NOW. Altho the photo of Mike looks a bit gruff, you'll like him! Walk up and say hello at the next show!



NOW SECRETARY  
MICHAEL A. TRAMTE





## OUR UNITED STATES CURRENCY

By Craig S. Raebel - WNWA

Many of the coin collectors I know do not pay much attention to paper money, having a pure interest in coins only, but have you Mr. collector, ever paused at a coin shop or coin show to look over the National bank notes? Or perhaps you may have seen gold and silver certificates or other older currency? If you didn't, you may want to take a look next time you visit your coin shop or coin show in your area. When you are looking at those bills, take a regular bill out of your wallet, compare your note to the older currency you are looking at. Do you see any difference? Why of course you do! You see a quite a bit of difference I am sure.

The note that you took out of your wallet is more than likely a common Federal Reserve note. If that is the kind of note you have, stop and think for a couple of minutes about how it circulates in today's economy day after day. Millions upon millions of these notes are

printed and circulated every week, whereas national currency was issued for and through national banks, so they were somewhat limited. Look at the workmanship and detail that went into those older notes, not to mention the care it took at that time to make the design! What beauty!

Some national currency was signed by hand, often signed by famous persons of the issuing banks and cities. Could you see the United States Secretary of the Treasury or the Treasurer of the United States signing those millions upon millions of notes issued during their terms by hand today? WOW!!!

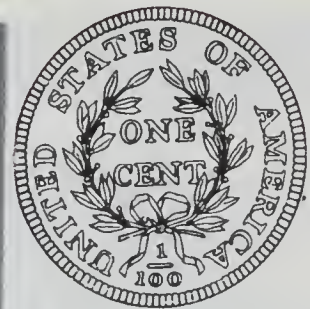
If you want to see beautiful detail and workmanship, not to mention the very beautiful color on notes, look at the twenty dollar gold certificate of the series 1905. That's real beauty!

SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS

## DID YOU KNOW?

That a 6 piece set of Ringling Bros. paper script was issued in 1933? The colorful set was issued in 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00 denominations, each note showing one of the Ringling Brothers. The reverses have action circus scenes! They are around collectors, find a set!





Two veteran Beaver Dam collectors paused at the Madison show. Virgil Jackson (L), and Harvey Binder go way back to the roots of NOW. Harvey was one of the organizers of the inactive Beaver Dam Coin Club.



Madison veterans, Gordon Gill, (L), and Phil Gaffney, were pleased with the Madison show exhibits. Gill is one of the organizers of the Madison club, the oldest in the state.



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**STAMPS and SUPPLIES**



## REMEMBERING THE OLD

### MILWAUKEE

### NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

By A.P. "Del" Bertschy

I can add some history about the early days in the Milwaukee club around 1940 when we had our annual banquets and no bourse dealers. At that time it was more of a get together of all club members, to talk coins and paper money and for exhibiting and trading. The awards were ribbons for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, and another for honorable mention. These banquets would have visitors from the Racine and Chicago coin clubs, and Dick Yeoman would usually be called on to give us a talk. The banquet ticket cost \$1.00 to \$1.50 and the hotel rooms were \$1.50 and up. When Chicago and Racine would have their annual banquets, most of our M.N.S. members would attend. I think the bourse started about 1940, we hosted the Central States at the Pfister Hotel in 1941 when the C.S.N.S. was only 2 years

old. I think we had a bourse then of about 20 dealers, and also had an auction, the auctioneer was Jim Kelly from Dayton. Kelly was the dealer that started the Paramount Co. and the fellow that sold the 1913 Liberty Nickel to McDermott in 1942 for \$900.00, and when Mac died, auctioned it in Miami, Fla. for \$46,000.00.

Ira Reed, a famous coin dealer from Philadelphia also attended the 1941 CSNS show and brought a grip full of proof sets that he bought over the counter at the mint and sold them to us at \$2.25 a set. I think the cost then was \$1.91 but we got them



early and did not have to wait months for them. I also bought 3 sets of 1936 sets when the mint offered them for sale, and I think the price was \$1.81 or \$1.91. I sold one for \$8.00 several years later and another for



\$12.00 later on. Fortunately I kept the other for my own collection and I still have the proof sets up to date.

Checking thru my old letters, I find correspondence with B. Max Mehl, W.A. Philpot Jr., M. Vernon Sheldon, Frenchs, Bebee's, Grinnell, and R. Green, all fine old time dealers. Mehl was for a time, a member of Milwaukee Numismatic Society. One year he paid his dues of two dollars with a nice Lazy Duce two dollar bill, which I was able to get.

About at that time Huber Polzer called me that some Gypsy's were at his shop with some unusual gold medals that they wanted to sell. Hubert didn't want the medals at the bullion price and wondered if I'd like to see them. I took a look and bought the 17 pieces for \$90.00. That was in about 1940 as I recall.

Another 1942 receipt shows I bought five nice uncirculated commemorative halves from Toivo Johnson, another old time dealer. The five pieces were, 1936 Cleveland, 1936 Arkansas, 1936 York, 1934 Maryland and 1935 Texas. The price was \$4.68.

Over the years, I have had coin and paper money displays in a number of banks in Milwaukee, sometimes for National Coin Week, but others for grand openings, anniversaries, or as a favor to friends in the banks.

Some of the banks are Marine National, North Shore, Cudahy State, Whitefish Bay State, Marshall and Isley, and First National.



### THE FIRST ANNUAL COIN DEALER JAMBOREE

By Randy Miller - WNWA

What started out as a challenge between four dealers from the Fox Valley, and four from Stevens Point, blossomed into what was known as the First Annual Coin Dealers Jamboree. The event was co-ordinated through the efforts of Fred Voecks, Joe Pankratz, and Jim Bayer, who worked hard to make it a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Many of the major cities in Wisconsin were represented, Madison, Milwaukee, and the Fox Valley, to Stevens Point and Green Bay. There were also guest's from Michigan and Minnesota as well as one guest who lives most of the year in Florida.

Everyone met at Voecks' Washington Inn in Cecil, around 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 20. The people who were

going to play in the 18 hole golf tournament, then left the lovely air-conditioned comfort of the Inn to brave the near 90 degree temperature that sweltered upon the course. The golf was played at the lovely and challenging Golden Sands golf course in Cecil. Approximately 20 golfers managed to make it through the course, and some very nice scores were turned in. Cold beer and soda provided by Fred Voecks was available throughout the course, and was greatly appreciated by all. There were seven different trophy's that all the golfers were trying to win.

Everyone returned to the Washington Inn for the banquet where the non-golfers were enjoying a very nice selection of appetizers and some cocktails. After everyone had enjoyed the appetizers, we were ready to proceed to the banquet room. The choice of entree's were prime rib or roast duck. Complimentary glasses of white or red wine were served with both. The meal was superb and enjoyed by all of the 35 people who partook of it. The prime rib, a more than generous thick cut portion, was tender and juicy, and very tasty. The duck was a whole roast duckling golden brown, juicy, and tender.

The meal over, the trophies were presented to the golf winners. The trophies

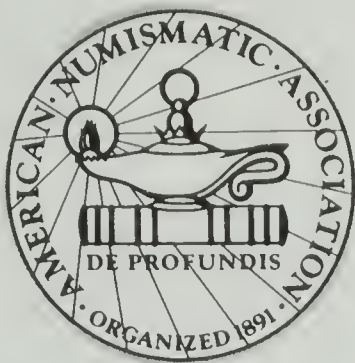
were for the golfer with the least strokes-Fletcher Gruthoff from Appleton, who only had 80 strokes, shortest drive-Ron Kurszewski from Stevens Point, longest putt on 7th hole-Don Clark from Sun City Center, Fla., 10th hole longest drive-Bob Korsek from Milwaukee, 17th hole, closest to the flag on the drive-Jim Bayer from Appleton. The other trophies were for most balls lost, 6, by Rex Peterson from Minneapolis, most strokes-Mark Ferguson from Oshkosh.

Five bottles of champagne, donated by Fred Voecks, were given to five lucky people. The party then retired to the bar where business, challenges, and plans for other get-togethers were discussed. All in all, the entire day was fun and an enjoyable excuse to get away from work for a day. A special thanks to Joe Pankratz for putting the day together, to Fred Voecks for hosting the event, and all the extras, and the staff of the Washington Inn for the superb food and good service.

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There is still time to prepare a competitive exhibit for the fall shows! Don't let this key show ingredient dry up here in Wisconsin, show and tell this fall, you'll help the clubs, kids, and yourself.





### ANA SOUVENIR CARD

In observance of the opening of the A.B. Coole Oriental Library in its Colorado Springs headquarters, July 10, the American Numismatic Association has produced an unusual souvenir banknote card. The genuine Chinese bank note on the card was issued by the Central Bank of China in 1930 and until 1948.

The note bears a portrait of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Republic of China, and were not intended for circulation but to facilitate customs payments.

The Rev. Arthur B. Coole (pronounced "Cool") died in 1978 after having spent nearly a third of a century in China, where he studied Chinese history and numismatics and amassed an imposing library of over 1500 books, most of them in the Chinese language and published in the traditional Chinese manner.

The library, reputed to be the finest in the Western World, was acquired by ANA several years ago but re-

mained in storage until adequate space could be provided in the enlarged headquarters building.

The souvenir cards will be available by mail at \$3.50 each, plus \$1.00 per order for postage. Send orders to American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.



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Generally speaking, the softer the plastic in a "flip", the more damage it can do. The plastic gives off a gas that kills coins. Older plastic albums are also coin killers.

If you have coins put away in storage, get them out, and look at them. The early signs of corrosion are: 1. Green slime: 2. Coins that are turning black.

If your coins fall into the above two categories, you got real problems. A club member may be able to advise you on what to do.

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